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LAFFEND ET AL.

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FOR: BIOCONVERSION OF A FERMENTABLE CARBON SOURCE TO 1,3-
PROPANEDIOL BY A SINGLE MICROORGANISM

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This document is filed in response to the restriction requirement, Paper 9, mailed 2 October 2001. It is filed within the one month shortened statutory period in which to answer.

Restriction to one of the following invention is required under 35 USC 121:

I. Claims 1-19, drawn to transformed cells and a bioconversion process to make 1,3-propanediol, classified in class 435, subclass 155.

II. Claim 34, drawn to 1,3-propanediol, classified in class 435, subclass 155.

Applicants elect for purposes of prosecution the subject matter of Group 1, Claims 1-19.

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